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Macadam's Column

£100,000
EAK FOR
LAYERS

LL, we saw a sight yestreen that nearly d the eyes out of us—other than Arthur y, of Grimsby, President Football League, hand-er to the head man of ard Life, Mr. A. R. son, a cheque for 000 to secure the future yers still in the game of

sum is contributed by the rom four per centage of the and you could knock us with a free ticket for the dom at this fruition of all ings we have been battling these many years.

mind. It is done, and the er of the present and the can go into the game with heart and still feel that he future apart from standing football grounds looking ghost of himself.

remarkable thing about the ing of "this Good Ship Provident Scheme," as Drewery called it, is that the Union men who have for it—Jimmy Guthrie, Low and Jimmy Fay (who the whole movement for the isement of footballers 43 go and has been at it unre-dly ever since) qualify for a penny of it

TAX-FREE

scheme is retrospective to tent that a player who has n the game since January nd retires around now will e best part of £600. The t crop who can hope to go ll at least they are 35 years or older can expect a pay-off of anything up to £1,250.

t is based on 10 per cent. of ticipated annual wages of £2000, benefits and talent and, one way and another, ears to this reporter that ara few professionals in the industry who get anything the same treatment, parti-when you consider that the is tax-free

happy consummation takes ce a couple of weeks to the ryay w hnd with Soccer. ro would like to stress that president Arthur Drewry, f the most colourful of our g ambassadors, deliberately in his inaugural speech the s "our masters" with refer-to the Football Association, our friends," with reference Players' Union.

his does not establish the ite condition that prevails sent-day football, then we know what will. Oddest of all is that something like as players have failed to fill forms that will entitle them nefit under this non-contri-scheme.

EAT OCCASION

wing for all those out of the y and missing on the mail-lists and non-readers of there are at least 14 of ys who seem to be just bone-the matter.

It was a great occasion all You get phrases like "the ng of the players and our-closer together" from the and "a new era for every-in the sport" from the ation, and "the removal of the greatest worries of the ional footballer—security on ent—and the start of loyalty of players to clubs" the Union.

'Tis it wasn't started years that the great ones we now—you can name them as s we can—could have had cut.

the future is secure, and s something, and £100,000 nice kick-off figure.

ger footnote: The Army to meet Cambridge is re-to include new faces. The "faces" interests us as an rum half . . .

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BILLIARDS

Kingdom Championship (at ...): ... London) ... Quarter-final: ... (London) 1,195 John Barrie (W.S.-...) 760

BOWLS

... and District Indoor League.—... 16 Eaham ... A 13—Hampton 13 ...-Osterley ... B 31 Guildford 10.

CRICKET

Africa Tour (at Johannesburg).—... won by ... wkts. ... Transvaal ... 281 and 201 (Beable 47, Nobel ... Australians ... 223 (A Morris 101; ...Smith 6—66) and 61 for three (A ... not).

... Shield (at Sydney).—New South ... and 142 (E de Courcy 40; J Iverson ... Baird 3—50). Victoria 125 and 135 ...man 25; T Rhodes 3—28). Q Holo New South Wales won by 198 runs ... Sheffield Shield match:

... Western Australia 277 and 239 ... Charlesworth 90; Illero 3—34) ...stralia 208 (R Hammence 78; P ...

LAWN TENNIS

... Championships (at Melbourne): ... ...: P Seidelman (Holland) bt K ... 6—4, 1—6, 6—1; Mixed ... Seidelman and D Hart (U.S.) bt ... (South Africa) and J Fitch 8—6, ... Women's doubles: D Hart and ... (U.S.) bt N Bolton and T Long ... 6—3.

RUGBY FIVES

...ishy.—Rugby Fives Association ... champ by 167 points to 115.

SNOOKER

Match: 173 frames at Leicester ...Hall, London: — George Chen (... leads Walter Donaldson (Scotland)

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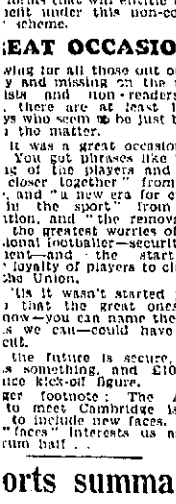

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BOMB Truman gives order to go ahead

GUARD Americans put air curtain round atom plants

FOOD Strachey cuts rabbit price and faces big loss

ATTACK Woman beaten up in 2-deck train

U.S. STARTS ON THE BOMB

Fighter screen put round atom plants

HYDROGEN TESTS AT ONCE

From VINCENT EVANS: Washington, Tuesday

PRESIDENT TRUMAN today ordered his top atomic scientists to go ahead at once with the development of the hydrogen super-bomb, potentially 1,000 times more powerful than the known atom bombs.

Then the U.S. Air Force drew an air curtain around atomic plants in Tennessee, New Mexico and Washington State. All pilots must notify the defence authorities if they want to fly within 100 miles of them.

Another curtain was drawn across 1,000 miles of the Atlantic seaboard from Virginia to the Canadian border.

All pilots who have to fly within 200 miles of this zone, which includes New York, must file flight plans with the Defence Department as well as the reports needed by the civil authorities.

Planes violating these rules will be intercepted by U.S. fighters and action taken against the pilots. A Defence spokesman said: "This is the beginning of a real air defence scheme. It will be permanent and will be extended to the whole country as soon as possible."

'IT'S UP TO ME'

President Truman's statement on the hydrogen bomb said: "It is part of my responsibility as Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces to see to it that our country can defend itself against any possible aggressor.

"Accordingly, I have directed the Atomic Energy Commission to continue its work on all forms of atomic weapons, including the so-called hydrogen or super bomb.

"Like all other work in the field of atomic weapons, it is being, and will be, carried forward on a basis consistent with the overall objectives of our programme for peace and security.

"This we shall continue to do until a satisfactory plan for international control of atomic energy is achieved. We shall also continue to examine all those factors that affect our programme for peace and this country's security."

Production of a hydrogen bomb has been under debate behind the scenes in the U.S. since Russia's atomic explosion was made public last September.

The principles of the hydrogen bomb are widely known. But it is not certain if the bomb, once made, will explode or if the explosion can be controlled.

A U.S. Government committee was set up to consider the super-bomb. The Congress Atomic Committee discussed it with top military men and scientists. Senator Brien McMahon, the chairman, said tonight he had recommended to President Truman that work on the bomb should be pressed on with the utmost speed.

'WE MUST MAKE IT'

The Congress committee was still debating the bomb when today's announcement was issued. Truman decided that the responsibility for going ahead was his alone.

Professor Harold Urey, who helped to make the first atom bombs—he warned last week that the Russians "may be nearer the super-bomb than the U.S."—said: "No other decision was possible. We must make the bomb."

Experts say that the U.S., Russia, and probably Britain know in theory how to make a hydrogen bomb, but only the U.S. has the industrial capacity to do it.

It is estimated that it will take from two to five years before the bomb can go into production.

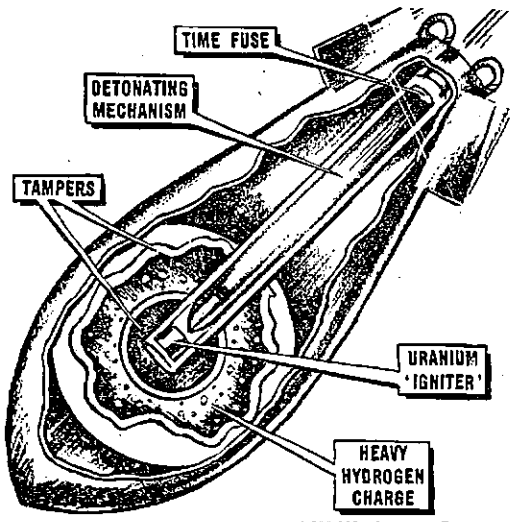
Truman's statement coincided with the annual report of his Atomic Energy Commission which — without mentioning the super-bomb—said that tests have been made in bombarding hydrogen in gas form and in the form of solid paraffin.

The report goes on: "Present theoretical concepts must be modified, and perhaps new concepts introduced, before a satisfactory mathematical description of its force will be at hand."

But it says that important information has been obtained at its laboratories in Mexico.

A three-year expansion programme, costing 226 million dollars (£78,000,000), has been started to keep the U.S. ahead in the atomic race with Russia.

FOOTNOTE: A call by British Quakers for a meeting between Mr. Attlee and Stalin on atom-bomb control was turned down by the Foreign Office yesterday.



THIS is the principle of the H-bomb. . . . A time-fuse sets off an inner atomic bomb by firing a uranium bullet down a gun tube at a uranium target. This ignites the main charge of heavy hydrogen. Difficulty is to keep the exploding bomb in one piece long enough for the hydrogen to heat-up to a temperature of 1,500,000 degrees Centigrade. In this colossal heat the atoms of heavy hydrogen would automatically fuse in pairs, liberating atomic energy. The hydrogen and uranium charges are kept in bounds by tampers—heavy metal containers. The problem is to find effective tampers.

STRACHEY CUTS PRICE OF RABBITS, CHEESES

RATIONS GO UP—FOR PIGEONS

By KENNETH PIPE

MR. STRACHEY, Food Minister, has slashed the prices of rabbits and some cheeses, has fixed a date for ending control of oranges and grapefruit, has decontrolled some livestock feed—and has raised the pigeon's ration.

On rabbits he faces a loss of £500,000.

Importers pressed him for a price cut. They could not sell all the rabbits released for market. One importer said yesterday: "Some rabbits have been in store since last July—and they are getting tough."

There were about 700,000 cases in store—some in expensive refrigerator ships. Each case holds 24 Australian or New Zealand rabbits. The importers suggested a penny-a-lb. cut.

Passing it on

Mr. Strachey surprised them with a cut of 3½d. for top grades, 4½d. for the seconds. This brings prices down to 7½d. and 4½d. a lb.

He was anxious that this bulk-buy should no longer take up refrigerator space.

Retailers expect to pass on equivalent cuts to the housewife.

Mr. Strachey's second price-cut brings down Italian gorgonzola from 4s. to 3s. 8d. a lb.; Danish and similar blue cheeses from 4s. to 3s. 4d.

In this case the loss falls on wholesalers or retailers who have stocks in hand.

Decontrol of price and distribution of oranges and grape fruit operates from May 7. From then they will be imported under open general licence.

Mr. Tom Matkin, secretary of the National Retail Fruit Federation, said yesterday: "It means that a child will be able to buy a single orange. Instead of being marked at 8d. a lb. they will be sold at so many for a shilling—as pre-war."

For the pigeons

The animal feed released from licence is mostly buckwheat, millet, bakehouse waste, biscuit meal, grass meal, cocoa and chocolate waste, cod liver oil and similar veterinary oils, dried yeast, linseed chaff, and flax chaff.

Poultry balancer meal will be sold by retail without licences to any backyard keeper registering with a trader.

And the extra food for pigeons: Mr. Strachey has bought a lot more maple peas and dun peas from New Zealand and Australia. So he is making them form 90 per cent. of the National Pigeon Mixture and increasing the ration from 21lb. to 56lb. a month from February to September.

Off-ration test case?

MAKERS of unrationed sweets, who have been told that their products go on personal points from February 26, yesterday decided to find a test case to be decided by the courts.

Mr. D. F. Underhill, chairman of their association, said they want to settle the validity of the Ministry's definition of "chocolate and sugar confectionery," which are subject to rationing.

Utility knits dearer

SWEATERS, stockings, pull-overs, underwear—and all knitted goods in the utility range will go up 2s. to 2s. 6d. in the £ a week today.

This is because of the increased cost of wool, cotton and silk brought about by devaluation, the Board of Trade said last night.

The new schedules are based on profit-margins, so the Board expects there will be more utility knitwear on the market.

French protest to Stalin

PARIS, Tuesday.—France tonight protested to the Soviet that its recognition of the rebel Viet Nam régime of Ho Chi-minh in Indo-China "gravely impairs relations" between France and Russia. Ho Chi-minh has been fighting the French for two years.—Express News Service.

Pamphlet girl demands an apology

Express Staff Reporter

A GIRL TEACHER and a tractor expert who are pictured in a Socialist propaganda leaflet, "We live by the land," said last night: "We're Tories."

They are demanding an apology from Mr. Morgan Phillips, secretary of the Socialist Party, and withdrawal of the leaflet.

The GIRL is Miss Barbara Dunford, agricultural teacher at the Newton Rigg Farm School in Cumberland. Her picture was taken when she was a student at Sutton Bonnington College, Notts.

Underneath it, in the leaflet, was this caption:—

"EDUCATION: Successful farming is mostly knowledge. Would-be farmers must learn how to farm. Then learn how to farm better."

'Losing friends'

Said Miss Dunford, daughter of a farmer at Basingstoke, last night: "I'm only 20 and not allowed to vote yet. But I belong to the Young Conservatives.

"The picture was taken last summer. I thought the man who took it was from some national educational unit.

"I am very annoyed. My father is taking legal advice."

In a letter to her mother, Barbara wrote: "Everyone at Newton Rigg thinks I have given permission for the Socialists to publish the picture and I am losing all my friends."

THE TRACTOR EXPERT is Mr. James Heath, of Barford, near Warwick, champion ploughman of Warwickshire at 19 and now chief tractor demonstrator for Fords. Under his picture, the leaflet says:—

"MACHINES: The Government has given priority to the agricultural machinery industry . . . the number of combine harvesters has increased ninefold in the past seven years."

Says Mr. Heath: "I am a staunch Tory.

"I have found the picture embarrassing and I have had to put up with a lot of leg-pulling.

"It has even been suggested that

BARBARA—ON THE LEAFLET
'I'm very annoyed,' she says.

I have received money for the use of the picture. That is untrue.

"I cannot express myself strongly enough about the picture being used without my consent."

LIGHTHOUSE AT ZOO TO BEAT RAIDER

Express Staff Reporter

A FLASHING beacon, like a small lighthouse, is to be put up at the Zoo to beat raiders. It will be above Three Island Pond, near the Regent's Park south entrance.

A man trying to get at the birds would be lit up by it. An animal raider would probably be scared off.

Recently seven birds have been killed, stolen, or released.

Last night three armed keepers were on patrol.

Mr. Bert Jones, keeper of the water birds, carrying a double-barrelled shot-gun, flashed his torch over a lawn, bounded by a three-foot wire fence.

It was empty. Last week there were 12 geese on it.

"Four geese, worth £10, were killed on that lawn," he said. "The pathologist says teeth marks show that the killer was probably a fox. The other eight geese have been locked away."

CUT WIRE

Fifty yards on, at the Eagle House, Mr. Jones put down his gun to inspect a cage padlock. From here a man stole the Zoo's only British peregrine falcon one night last week.

Scaling an eight-foot wall from the park, the raider climbed 20 feet to the roof of the cage and cut the wire. Then, apparently, he lowered himself by rope.

The same method was used earlier to steal a West African goshawk and a Brazilian carrion hawk from the aviary.

And on Monday, despite the all-night armed guard, the animals' sanatorium was broken into and a sick mongoose worth £40 was let out of its cage.

Frozen goat goes in the pies

Pie-makers in the North-East got frozen goat from New Zealand as part of their meat allocation yesterday. The Food Ministry said: "We have imported 200 tons a year for several years. It is used purely for pies, and is eminently suitable."

'Too much milk'

British farmers have reached the 1952 milk target already, and may soon be producing too much, Sir Patrick Laird, of the Scottish Department of Agriculture, said last night.

Crime in the up-and-down special

WOMAN BEATEN UP IN 2-DECK TRAIN

The way to the upper deck

MRS. MILLER—AT WINDOW
Daily Express reconstruction . . . Other faces are whited out.

Express Staff Reporter

A WOMAN travelling in Britain's only double-decker train was attacked last night by two youths with a gun, a cosh, and an iron bar.

They beat her unconscious and stole a wallet from her handbag. In the wallet was —£1.

The woman, 50-year-old Mrs. Ethel Ann Miller, company director wife of a company director, was given a blood transfusion in hospital at Greenwich, where she used to be a nurse.

SEALED OFF

She caught the double-decker at London Bridge on her way home to Woolwich—the £70,000 train runs experimentally on the Darlford line.

Mrs. Miller sat on the lower deck of the third coach from the end. She was alone, with ten other seats unoccupied, until Lewisham Junction.

Then, she told detectives, the youths got in and threatened to "bash me up."

They were seen to get out at Blackheath, one station further on. Mrs. Miller was alone again. She came to, and pulled the communication cord.

The train stopped. The guard came along. At Charlton, the next station, Mrs. Miller was taken off the train and the compartment was sealed.

Her husband, Mr. R. J. H. Miller, managing director of a Mincing-lane tea company, said at their home in Constitution-rise, Woolwich, last night: "My wife is a director and secretary of the company and went up by train to get tea samples.

"She is not strong, but she must have put up a struggle because her ankle is injured."

Scotland Yard circulated descriptions of the youths last night.

THREE STEPS

The train in which Mrs. Miller was attacked seats 1,104 passengers, against 772 in a normal train with the same number of coaches.

Eleven passengers sit in the lower compartment, 13 in the upper, which is approached by a three-step stairway.

The service was inaugurated last November by Mr. Herbert Morrison, who took over from the motorman on a run from London Bridge to Lewisham, in his constituency.

BRITON IN BEDROOM RADIOS SOS

Express Staff Reporter

A RADIO station, believed to be operated by Reginald Fox, an Englishman who married a Tibetan girl, was heard last night seeking support for Tibet against the threat of a Chinese Communist invasion.

The radio said it would broadcast regularly from Lhasa, Tibet's capital, in English and Chinese.

It added: "Tibet wishes to remain secluded, but friendly with all her neighbours."

Fox is a member of the British Mission in Lhasa. He was in Tibet during the war, and after it ended he returned to marry a girl he met there.

SOME JAMMED

He sends out his radio messages from a transmitter in his bedroom at the British Mission building. Recently some have been jammed by the Russians.

With him is Reg Foord, of Burton-on Trent. A few months ago Foord moved to Chando, on the Chinese-Tibetan border.

He took a small transmitter and a tent. His transmissions have been heard in Britain.

Colonel E. Y. Nepean set up the radio now run by Fox when he went to Lhasa in 1936 with the British Mission headed by Sir Basil Gould.

Mrs. Nepean said at her home at Teffont, Salisbury, last night: "Reg Fox took over from my husband as a civilian radio expert when my husband came home."

Air firm told: Cuts soon

The Bristol Aeroplane Company said last night that cuts in Government spending are likely to have a serious and immediate effect on some of the company's orders.

Contracts not affected include the giant Brabazon project.

The company has made "urgent representations" to Ministers.

Mother in blaze saves 4 children

Mrs. Florence Bacon dropped a lighted paraffin stove on the stairs. It rolled down, scattering a trail of flame at her home in Devons-road, Bow, yesterday.

She ran through the blaze to her six children, aged four months to nine years, and carried four of them into the street. The two elder escaped unhelped.

POCKET CARTOON
by OSBERT LANCASTER

"In fact the only countries affected by the raising of the currency ban are those with a worse climate than ours and a sound Socialist Government!"

123 Canadian ships will sail British

OTTAWA, Tuesday.—Britain has agreed to allow 123 Canadian ships to operate under the British flag with their profits going to Canada in dollars, it was reported today. This is 58 more than the number originally accepted for transfer to keep afloat Canada's Merchant Navy, which was hit by devaluation.

Please buy

TORONTO, Tuesday.—Mr. James S. Duncan, chairman of the Dollar-Sterling Board, asked Canadian retailers tonight to increase purchases from the sterling area, principally Britain, by 250,000,000 dollars—more than £80,000,000.

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Boys pass exams. by radio trick

TURIN, Tuesday.—Two students are reported to have passed Greek and Latin examinations because the answers were beamed to them by a short-wave radio outside the school. One student is said to have hidden a radio under a head bandage, the other had one in a cast on a "broken" arm.—A.P.

Malan party seek Press probe

CAPE TOWN, Tuesday.—Dr. A. J. R. Van Rhyn, a Malan Nationalist, today moved the setting up of a Press commission. He said that people abroad are being misled by false reports from correspondents in South Africa, and named the Manchester Guardian.

Cheese, lorry and driver vanish

Somewhere in the 14 miles between Newcastle and Sunderland 2½ tons of cheese—£260 worth—has disappeared, with a six-ton lorry and its driver, Charles John Coutts.

Cigarette swoop

Customs seized 150,000 cigarettes, three motor-cars, and two fur coats in a swoop on motorists crossing from Eire into Northern Ireland yesterday. Cigarettes are 1s. 8d for 20 in Eire.

Cigarette forgery

MUNICH, Tuesday.—U.S. Army stores have been cheated of 144 million cigarettes, handed over for forged coupons, said military police tonight.

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IT USED TO BE IT

BY the odd vote in 71, Ayrshire County Council yesterday changed the name of sex education for the third time. What were "Health lessons," and then "Sex talks," now became "Biology." Said Colonel D. C. Todd: "Now I suppose we have to refer to that glamorous quality possessed by film stars as 'biology appeal.'"

Britain gave Germany dollars

From R. M. MacCOLL

PARIS, Tuesday.—Britain paid Germany several million dollars just before the devaluation crisis last autumn, it was disclosed tonight.

She was forced to pay under an agreement limiting Britain's trade deficit with Germany to £7,500,000.

Any sum over that must be met in dollars.

The payment was confirmed by smiling Herr Volrath von Maltzan, Economic Minister for West Germany, who has been holding Paris talks with British officials about a new trade treaty.

Negotiations will continue in Frankfort in a few weeks. Von Maltzan is optimistic and says:—"First, we must liberalise trade between our two countries. But that means scrapping Britain's present quotas on imports.

"Germany wants to open up the British market for machinery, heavy and light equipment, chemicals, optical instruments, lenses, cameras, and toys.

"We would be ready to take raw materials from any part of the Sterling Area. Britain would sell us such things as textiles and cutlery in exchange.

More wanted

Bonn, Tuesday.—The West German Government today threatened America: "Unless we get all the dollars we want when Marshall aid ends in 1952, to provide jobs for 1,500,000 refugees, Communism will spread through Western Europe."

German officials believe this is Chancellor Adenauer's trump card in the fight for dollars.

The Americans, with £200 million from Britain, have subsidised Germany heavily.

In the next two years, Germany will get 1,000 million dollars—nearly £360 million. Now she demands an extra 125 million dollars in 1952 because: "We cannot balance our deficit by then."

Two steps will be taken to boost dollar earnings: A high dollar bonus for German export firms to use as they wish; trade offices to be set up throughout the U.S.

A 150-page memorandum blames Germany's loss of foreign exchange on the failure of other Marshall aid nations to follow her example in liberalising trade.

4.30 a.m. LATEST

RUSSIA REFUSES TO WALK IN

TOKYO, Wednesday.—Russian delegate, who has walked out of three of the last four meetings of the Allied Four-Power Council for Japan, refused to attend today's meeting over the same issue—repatriation of Japanese war prisoners.—A.P.

22 DAYS TO THE POLL

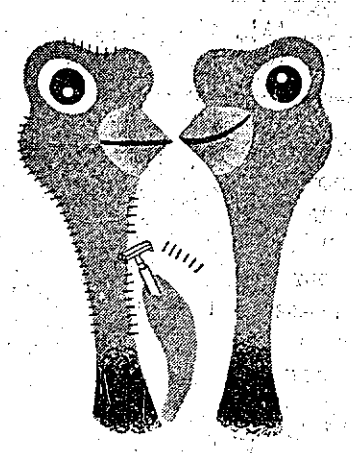
CENtral 8000

'Atlantic Smith' to marry

Twenty-eight-year-old Colin Smith, one of the two brothers who sailed the Atlantic last August in their home-made sailing boat Nova Espero, is to marry Miss Muriel Spacey, of Holmbury, Hants.

Briton shot dead

BERLIN, Tuesday.—Mr. Joseph B. Quick, 40-year-old British Military Government senior clerk, was found shot dead in his billet last night. His home address was given as Hedgerley, Bucks.



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